



September 2016
Newsletter

Oakton, VA

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Here Comes Fall!

The Fall Book Sale is just around the corner! It should be a good one as we have a **record number of books!** Mark your calendars now, and please consider volunteering if you have not done so before. It's a lot of fun and certainly for a good cause!

Here's the plan –

Saturday, Sept. 24 – 10:00 am – Set-up
Monday and Tuesday – Ongoing set-up

Book Sale Hours:

Thursday, Sept. 29 – 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday, Sept. 30 – 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 1 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 1 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Take down and cleanup

We need strong arms and backs for the setup and takedown, as well as sorters and organizers.

For the sale itself, we need cashiers, people familiar with an iPad to handle credit card sales, and more sorters/organizers.

Teen volunteers are welcome throughout, and can receive credit for volunteer hours.

If you can volunteer and have not been contacted, please email Carole Dowd (cdowd2000@verizon.net).

Thank you to all who have donated or sorted books over the summer! The **Cutoff Date** for donations is Saturday, September 17.

Learn the Results of the Library's Public Engagement Process

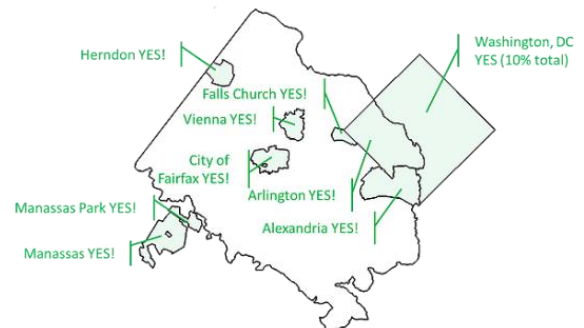
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6:00 pm,
Fairfax County Government Center,
Board Auditorium

Click here for [live streaming](#).

Local Question on November Ballot

The Friends of Oakton Library have been following efforts to place a 4% meals tax option for Fairfax County on the ballot November 8th. The **Invest in Fairfax** website (<http://www.yesmealstax.org/>) provides vital information and clarifies much of the confusion surrounding this issue.

The map below, found on the website, shows how surrounding communities have dealt with this issue.



Please check the web site to find out how this important initiative would benefit our library system as well as other public services.

Fall for the Book & Diane Rehm!

[Fall for the Book](#), the annual local book festival, will take place this year from Sunday, Sept. 25 through Friday, Sept. 30, with events at George Mason's Fairfax Campus and other locations in Northern Virginia, DC, and Maryland.

Of special interest to many is an evening with **Diane Rehm**, who will receive the 2016 Mason Award, and will be interviewed by WAMU's new general manager, J. J. Yore. This event takes place at the George Mason Concert Hall in the Center for the Arts on September 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The doors open at 6:00 pm. **No tickets are required.** Arrive early!

Other events feature authors such as Sandra Cisneros, Jon Mooallem, and over 200 others. These events are **free**. The complete schedule can be found [here](#).

There are also [VIP receptions](#) with Ms Rehm and some others available for a donation.

National Book Festival

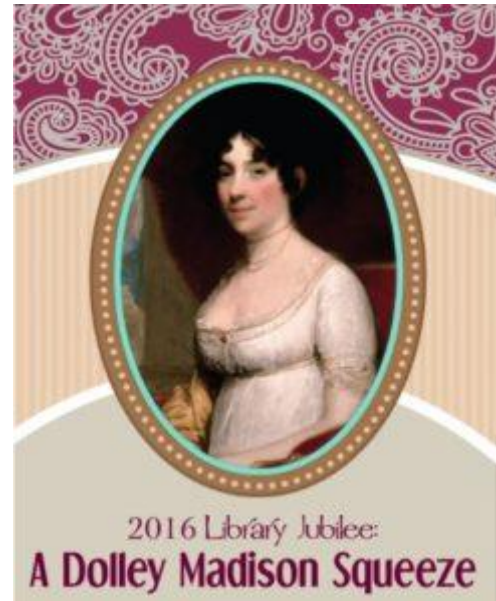
The 16th annual Library of Congress [National Book Festival](#) will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Popular author **Stephen King** will open the Main Stage with a presentation and recognition of his lifelong work promoting literacy. Tickets will be required for the King presentation. **Tickets will be free and will be issued electronically beginning Sept. 14.** They can be obtained then on this site <http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2016/16-112.html>.

Tickets are not required for the many other presentations or activities at the festival. Over 120 authors, poets, and illustrators are on the schedule. Other authors on the Main Stage include Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Shonda Rhimes, Salman Rushdie, Raina Telgemeier, Bob Woodward. Elsewhere you can find Geraldine Brooks, Newt Gingrich, Elizabeth Hand, Joyce Carol Oates, Marilynne Robinson, and Colson Whitehead.

There is a free National Book Festival smartphone app where you can see the complete schedule and plan your day.

Fairfax Library Foundation 2016 Jubilee



**2016 Library Jubilee:
A Dolley Madison Squeeze**

Saturday, October 15, 2016

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**At Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean, VA**

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, musical entertainment, and a silent auction.

**[Click here to purchase tickets or a
sponsorship](#)**

[Click here to learn about sponsorships](#)

**All proceeds benefit programs & services
of Fairfax County Public Library**

***We look forward to seeing you there.
Thank you!***

Summer Reading Program – Plus Book Extensions!

The 2016 Summer Reading Program (SRP) for children and adults is still in full swing as this newsletter goes to press. Reading logs must be turned in by **September 3** in order to receive a coupon book, which includes a coupon usable at our upcoming Fall Book Sale.

You may have seen the table of SRP teen volunteers near the Information Desk this summer. To date, 49 volunteers have contributed 500 hours of volunteer time helping our youngest patrons enjoy books over the summer.

For the second year, Oakton Library's Youth Services team has offered **SRP Book Extensions**.

Book extensions are activities inspired by a book you have read. It could be a craft project, a drawing, or further research related to the book. For example, a child who reads *Roller Girl* might organize a roller derby match in the neighborhood. It's up to the individual to do what inspires.

Completed extensions (or pictures of them) are submitted to the Youth Services staff, and the patron's name is then entered into a raffle for a chance to win a **PRIZE!** 3 Prizes a week will be chosen. Available prizes can be viewed in the display case in the lobby of the library.

All submissions are placed on display for others to enjoy. So stop by the Library and take a look.

Please pass this newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who is interested in the Library, and encourage them to join the Friends!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Oakton Library, as part of the Fairfax County Library System, is participating in the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program which is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: kindergarten.



Families/Caregivers sign up preschoolers for the program after the kids/families have read 25 books. (It's OK even if this was *Goodnight Moon* on 25 evenings.) At that time, they will receive program information, a sticker, and a reading log.

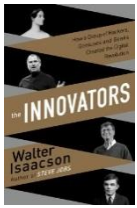
The children get credit whenever they are read to – at home, in the library, at daycare, etc. Families bring their reading logs back to the library upon reaching each milestone in order to receive a prize:

- 100 books – a custom photo frame refrigerator magnet.
- 250 books – a finger puppet
- 500 books – a library tote bag
- 750 books – a coupon for the adult and one for the child, usable at a Library Book Sale
- 1000 books – each child receives a **new book**, a certificate, and a letter to their kindergarten teacher certifying that they have read 1000 books.

The Friends of Oakton Library are proud to support this new program by offering coupons usable at our book sales.

Book Review -- Fred Pitman

The Innovators by Walter Isaacson



"The best way to predict the future is to invent it." -- Alan Kay at Xerox PARC, circa 1972.

In the past 100 years, there has been tremendous development and growth in digital technologies. These developments were often collaborative efforts by many people, instead of single "Thomas Edison" style inventors.

This innovation was frequently driven (and funded) by government or military needs, but much of the actual work occurred in advanced laboratories, either in large engineering schools or in corporate research facilities such as AT&T's Bell Labs or Xerox's PARC. One advantage of these facilities was their ability to blend skills such as engineering, chemistry, metallurgy, machining and manufacturing. Having people with many different skills in close proximity allowed researchers to optimize designs for function and size, create products that were easy to use, that could be mass-produced cost-effectively, and that would be reliable in daily applications. The ability to manufacture and market these products was as important to their success as the design efforts.

Since these technologies all evolved at about the same time, developments in one field allowed advancement in other areas. **Computers** were created to speed up complex and repetitive calculations, but then **programming** languages permitted one machine to be used for multiple types of calculations. As computer capabilities expanded, the **transistor** was created to replace vacuum-tube technology, reducing size, heat and power requirements while increasing reliability, and created a new consumer market product – transistor radios. Transistors, though, had their own manufacturing problems in the complexity of tightly-compacted printed-circuit boards and the significant amount of component soldering needed. That led engineers to develop **microchip** circuits, greatly reducing the size and increasing the capability of computers yet again. In the meantime, early versions of **networks** were being created to facilitate collaboration in geographically disbursed labs. That connectivity spawned rudimentary **email** protocols. Smaller and cheaper computers led to the design of the

personal computer, and when those computers were provided with communications capabilities and email applications, they could also connect to networks and exchange messages. Development of the full-scale **internet** created a single architecture for all of those connections, and the **World Wide Web** provided those connected devices with a means of accessing the contents of the internet.

Isaacson is noted for his biographies, including Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein and Ben Franklin. This book is a technology history rather than pure biography, but well worth reading if you have an interest in the digital technology field. Isaacson did not include WiFi, smartphones, GPS or robotics in this book, so let's hope that a Volume 2 is in the works.

Book Group Reading Lists

The following book groups meet monthly at Oakton Library and are open to the public. Refer to the calendar on page 8 for dates and times.

Money Matters

- September – *The Shifts and the Shocks: What We've Learned and Still Have to Learn from the Financial Crisis* by Martin Wolf
- October – *The Rise of Robots: Technology and the Threat of a Jobless Future* by Martin Ford
- November – *The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right* by Atul Gawande

Mystery Book Club

- September – *Deadly Appraisal* by Jane K. Cleland
- October – *Invisible City* by Julia Dahl
- November – *Perfect Suspect* by Margaret Coel

Oakton Book Discussion Group

- September – *The Painted House* by John Grisham
- October – *Practical Magic* by Alice Hoffman
- November – *The Execution of Noa P. Singleton* by Elizabeth Silver

Homeschool Literature Group: High School

- September – *Emma* by Jane Austen
- October – *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- November – *Five Little Pigs* by Agatha Christie

Homeschool Literature Group: Middle School

- September – *Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer L. Holm
- October – *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- November – *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

At a recent staff meeting, the Oakton Library staff and representatives of the Friends group took the opportunity to celebrate Jerilyn Polson's promotion to Branch Manager of the Centreville Regional Library and to wish her well in her new position.



As we reported in our last newsletter, we sadly say goodbye to Jerilyn, who was the Branch Manager at Oakton since it opened in September, 2007.



Jerilyn with the Oakton Library staff.



Jerilyn with Oakton Friends representatives.



A card, ...



A picture book of memories,



A "Certificate of Appreciation" from each staff member, ...



And a glass acorn

**... to thank her, to wish her luck, to celebrate her success,
and to remember her time at Oakton.**

Oakton Library – Rain Garden – Plant List

The rain garden planted in Spring of 2015 by the Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division with the help of Oakton Library volunteers has exploded this summer. These images will help you identify these drought tolerant, native plants. (All images are from the North Creek Nursery website, www.northcreeknurseries.com).



Allium cernuum
(Nodding Onion)



Aster oblongifolius 'Raydon's Favorite'



Coreopsis
(Tickseed)



Eragrostis spectabilis
(Purple lovegrass)



Panicum 'Cape Breeze'
(Switchgrass)



Physostegia virginiana
'Miss Manners'
(Obedient Plant)



Physostegia virginiana
'Pink Manners'
(Obedient Plant)



Pycnanthemum flexuosum
(Appalachian Mountain Mint)



Solidago odora
(Anise-scented Goldenrod)



Schizachyrium scoparium
'Standing Ovation'
(Little Blue Stem)



Chamaecrista ficiculata
(Partridge Pea)



Andropogon virginicus
(Broom Sedge)



Lighters and Matches Safety

- Fred Pitman



The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department presented a fire safety program and puppet show at Oakton Library. And they brought fire helmets and coloring books for everyone.

Then the truck and crew from Station 34 in Oakton stopped by to visit with the kids.



Firefighter Tyree Carr from Station 34 showed the kids what a firefighter in full protective gear and air mask looks (and sounds) like.

Looks scary, but don't hide from them. They are there to help you.



Everyone went outside to see the fire truck and talk with the firefighters from Station 34.



Lauren Neal from the Oakton Library (with her new fire helmet) posing with the truck and crew from Station 34.

Fall Calendar

- All events take place at the Oakton Library unless otherwise specified.
- Most programs require a reservation (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events) or appointment (703-242-4020).
- Note that many events are on multiple dates.
- **One-on-one English conversation** -- by appointment most Tuesdays at 1:30, 6:00 and 7:00 pm and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm.
- **Group English conversation** – Mondays at 10:30 am, beginning Sept. 12.
- **Computer One-on-One tutoring** in Internet Basics, E-mail, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint –Most Tuesdays at 11:00 am.
- **eBook/eReader Instruction** – Most Wednesdays at 10:30 am.
- **Canasta group** – weekly on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm. (Adults)
- **Plant Clinic** with volunteer Master Gardeners – Saturdays in September, beginning at 10:00 am.
- All libraries will be **closed** on these days: Mon, Sept. 5; Fri., Sept. 9; Mon., Oct. 10; Fri., Nov. 11; Thurs., Nov. 24 – Fri., Nov. 25

Fri., Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 – 10:30 am – **Exploring the Inner Artist** Unleash creativity and foster confidence through the art making process while exploring different art media. (Age 3-5 with adult)

Tues., Sept. 6, Nov. 29 – 7:00 pm – **Yoga Storytime**. Bedtime stories, stretching and simple yoga poses. Bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing. (Age 4-8)

Wed., Sept. 7 (Full), Oct. 5, Nov. 2 – 10:30 am – **Duplo: Read! Build! Play!** (Age 18-36 months with an adult.) 🍌

Tues., Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 – 7:00 pm – **Money Matters**. Book discussion focused on personal finance and investing. (See page 4 for the books.)

Wed., Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 at 10:30 and 11:30 am — **Small Wonders**. Short stories for you and your child. (Age 13-23 months with an adult.)

Wed., Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 – 1:00 pm – **Mystery Book Club** (Adults; See page 4 for the books.)

Thurs., Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 – 7:00 pm **Oakton Book Discussion Group**. (Adults; See page 4 for the books.)

Fri., Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 – 4:30 pm - **Exploring the Inner Artist** Unleash creativity and foster confidence through the art making process while exploring different art media. (Age 6-12)

Tues., Sept. 20, Oct. 25, Nov. 22 – 12:00 pm – **Homeschool Literature Group: High School** Consider new points of view as you discuss challenging books with other self-motivated high school aged home school students. (See page 4 for the books.) (High school age)

Tues., Sept. 20, Oct. 25, Nov. 22 – 12:00 pm – **Homeschool Literature Group: Middle School** Come join this fantastic youth group for friendship and discussions of classic literature and Newbery Award Winning Books. (See page 4 for the books.) (Middle school age)

Tues., Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 – 2:30 pm – **Job Club** - Gather as a group to discuss and learn skills to obtain employment and succeed in the workplace e.g. career exploration, resume writing, job search tools, and preparing for an interview. (Adults, teens)

Tues., Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 – 7:00 pm – **Friends of Oakton Library - Board Meeting** 🍌

Wed., Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 – 10:30 am – **Toddler Tales**. Stories and activities for you and your toddler (Age 2-3 with an adult.)

Thurs., Sept. 29 to Sat., Oct. 1 – **Fall Book Sale** 🍌

Sat., Oct. 8 – 10:30 am – **Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead** - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM). (Age 4-6 with adult.)

Sat., Oct. 15 – 2:00 pm – **Medicare Basics**. Mike Cook, an insurance and benefits expert, explains your Medicare options, the costs and when to enroll. (Adults)

Mon., Nov. 7 – 7:00 pm – **The Babe Ruth Deception**. David O. Stewart, author of the Lincoln Deception and The Summer of 1787, discusses his latest Fraser and Cook Mystery. Book sale and signing to follow talk. (Adults) 🍌

Wed., Nov. 30 – 10:30 am -- **Playdate Café**. Toys and Playspace for children. Coffee and Conversation for grownups. No registration needed. (Ages birth-5) 🍌



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